



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Patrick W. Mapes, Director of Educator Licensing and Development

DATE: May 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Licensing Changes

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has received several questions about what happens next now that REPA (Rules for Educator Preparation and Accountability) has been signed by Governor Daniels. The major areas of change that occur May 14, 2010 revolve around license renewals, license additions and licenses for out-of-state applicants. The other aspects of REPA do not come into effect until a later date: August 2010 for residency programs; summer 2011 for testing requirements; and, fall 2013 for teacher preparation programs.

License renewals: Teachers seeking to renew their licenses after May 14 may utilize a Professional Growth Plan (PGP) to list their professional development activities (total of 90 hours required) and obtain verification by their building Principal for renewal. The verification form attached to the PGP must be submitted along with an application and payment to IDOE for license renewal. Teachers may also submit confirmation of six semester hours of college coursework, a combination of three hours of coursework and 45 hours of professional development (utilizing a PGP), or completion of national board certification for renewal. The web address for the PGP is:
www.doe.in.gov/educatorlicensing/growth.html.

License additions: Teachers may add to their existing licenses by passing a Praxis II content test except for the following areas which are exempt from addition through testing only: Early Childhood, Elementary Generalist, Communication Disorders, Exceptional Needs, Fine Arts, English as a New Language, and High Ability Education. Additionally, CTE/vocational content areas cannot be added through testing alone since they require verification of work experience.

Out-of-State Applicants: Candidates for licensure who complete their teacher preparation work outside the State of Indiana and apply for evaluation and licensure beginning May 14 will be required to follow the REPA rules for licensure. This means they must pass the required Praxis tests, complete CPR/Heimlich training, and satisfy any other requirements for licensure. They will be evaluated for licenses with REPA content areas and grade coverage.

Please be sure to forward this memo to your Human Resources personnel.